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"The Plastic Tote"

by JoDee Free—NDAAE President Elect

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As I wait in anticipation of the Gackle-Streeter FFA November meeting I wonder what my role will be tonight. Will I be "the wise old owl" offering advice as the need arises? Will I be a "mother" figure for the member who did not get supper yet or may have not seen their mother yet today? Will I be a counselor and listen to a members frustrations or struggles of the day? Will I be a coach explaining the rules of a CDE or activities of a Leadership Conference?

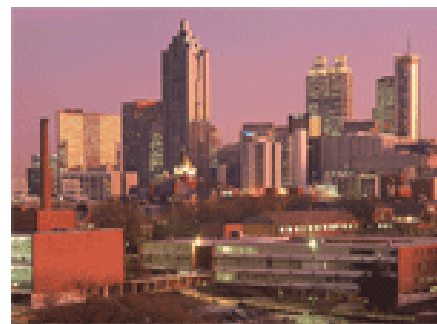
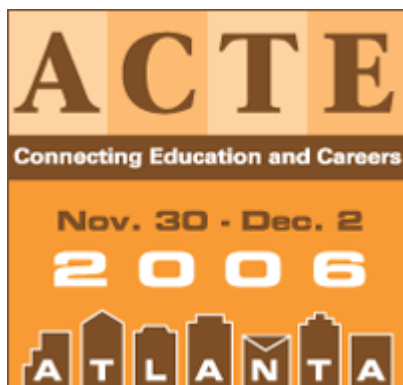
For the next 30 minutes before the meeting my role, however, is to serve NDAAE as President-Elect. A role I would like to thank you for trusting me with. As President-Elect it was decided that I should get the "Plastic Tote" that arrived at the exec meeting in October.

What was inside? It was the "archives" of our organization. As I have looked through them I have seen some great accomplishments, wonderful photos of some of my mentors in the '90's, and have skimmed over issues that were affecting our organization then. Three things that have stuck in mind are:

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- 1) We as Agricultural Educators will climb mountains, swim the ocean, or experience the Chicago Impound lot for our students or clients but we don't take the time to develop our own knowledge and professionalism. This is my plug for all of you to consider attending the NAAE Conference in Atlanta, the Region III Conference next June, or any Professional Development workshop you might find interesting.
- 2) As Agricultural Educators we need to toot our horns!! This is my first attempt to get all of you deserving Aggies to apply for our NDAAE awards. The application can be found on the NAAE website or contact me and I will send them to you. I know it seems early to be thinking about this but we all know that soon we will be sitting at the Doublewood Inn in August talking about how fast the year went.
- 3) As the editor of our Ag & I in his column "From the Turtle Racing Capital" wrote "take time to spend with your family and those loved ones close to you." As the Holiday Season approaches take some time off and relax. Rejuvenate your mind with a break from the hustle and bustle of the work year. You deserve it.

Well, time is up and I must start changing my role for the evening. Thank you for the "plastic tote" and be sure to look for the "Archive photo's & questions" included in this issue.



Atlanta, Georgia

"10 X 15"

by Glen T. Huettl—NDAAE President

For the folks that were not able to attend the opening session of the 79th National FFA Convention, I want to share a piece of it with you. Dr. Larry Case made a pitch to the membership to "Give me five". This was not the usual hand smack that most relate to. He went on to encourage the young Agriculture leaders to give him five years of teaching agriculture education. He listed the rewards and benefits of our profession as the rewards for "giving" him five. For me, this was the first time I had witnessed such a hard sell approach to promoting a career in Ag Ed at that level. Team Ag-Ed has stepped up the recruitment campaign. What is the 10 X 15 initiative or the 10,000 by 2015 plan? The National Council for Agricultural Education has adopted a goal of having 10,000 quality agricultural education programs by 2015. A management team has been established to spear head the project. The role of the "10 X 15 Management Team" which includes The Team Council, NASAE, NAAE, AAAE, FFA, ACTE, USDE, Alumni, and Industry Representatives is to address how to achieve the goal. This group is an action arm of The Council and responsible for the development and oversight of a tactical/operational plan to achieve 10,000 quality programs by 2015. This would mean an increase of over 2,500 programs across the nation.

What can we do here in ND? At the state level this will have to be a team effort by all branches of the ND Team Ag-Ed. I believe there is always room for more promotion of our profession on all levels. I would love to hear some suggestions on activities or programs that we could set up to recruit and retain quality instructors. The proposed NDAAE Agricultural Education Intern is one step in the right direction. It is hard to picture expanding the number of programs in our state when filling current open positions seems more important.

Changes in the NDAAE Courtesy Policy

by Amanda Buynak—NDAAE Treasurer

Extra, Extra, coming straight from the NDAAE's treasurer's office, we have a change in the NDAAE Courtesy Policy!!! In August, it was decided at the NDAAE meeting that the courtesy policy that is currently in place would be going through a couple of changes to improve this very generous idea.

The courtesy policy goes into effect when a member of our association should happen to loose a close family member that falls under the guideline of the courtesy policy or a member of the association that has signed the policy has passed the money would then be sent onto their family. We decided that to make the courtesy policy more timely and efficient that money would be collected from the NDAAE members that had signed the policy before the policy is activated. The money is then put into a separate account where it will be taken out, only when the policy is activated. If a tragic event should happen to activate the policy and the account is emptied, a call will go out to replenish the funds. This should make everything run a bit smoother when it is put into effect.

The NDAAE board is currently revising the policy and all members will get a glance at the new set up in August.

The new and improved policy should answer some of the questions that may be lurking in some of your minds, such as: Where does the money that I put in go if I am no longer a NDAAE member? Where does the interest go that is accrued from this account which holds the policy money?

In the mean time, I urge everyone that has signed the policy to get their \$25 turned into the District Vice Presidents and get them sent in. You may also mail them to the NDAAE Treasurer directly at: Amanda Buynak, P.O. Box 256, Drake, ND 58736.

This policy is such a grand idea and is greatly appreciated when put into effect. It is just another way in which the NDAAE can show support for all of its members during such a trying time. As agriculture instructors, we teach our students, young and old, to be generous, understanding, supportive, respectful,what a great way to show that this is a life long process!!

FFA NIGHT WITH THE WIZARDS



Professional Basketball is Back!

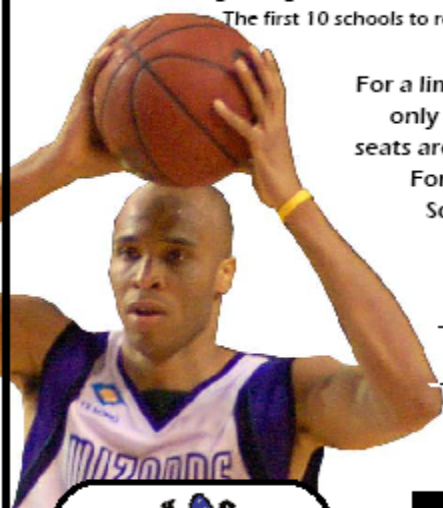
Come out and start the basketball season with a bang!

The Dakota Wizards are kicking off their first season in the NBA Development League and have reserved some terrific seats for all FFA students and their families. The Wizards game against the FT. Worth Flyers on Saturday, Jan 20th is FFA Night with the Wizards.

The first 10 schools to register will have the opportunity to participate in the pre-game high five tunnel and other fun events during the game.

For a limited time and only with this flyer, reserved seats are only \$13 (a savings of \$5 per ticket) or general admission seats are available for only \$8 (a savings of \$2.50 per ticket).

For more information, or to order tickets please contact
Scott Woodmansee at the Wizards office at 258-BALL,
the deadline is Friday, January 5th.



VS



Saturday
January 20th @ 7pm
Bismarck Civic Center



HIGH FIVE TUNNEL

Please Return
Order Form & Payment to:
Boltin's Warehouse
640 N 7th Street #2001
Minneapolis, MN 55412
or Fax (612) 338-2302

Deadline for Discount
is Jan 5th

FFA Night with the Wizards

Name _____

School _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Email _____

# Tix	Seating Section	Price
	Reserved Seats – Magical @ \$13	
	General Admission @ \$8	

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Credit Card Number

Examination Date

For More Info Call Scott Woodmansee (701) 258-BALL

MSU-Bottineau and Minot Farm and Ranch Business Management Education Programs Realigned

The Farm and Ranch Business Management Education Programs located on the campus of MSU-Bottineau and at the Minot Public Schools Central Campus have recently merged into one program. The merger of the two programs became effective July 1, 2006. The students enrolled in the programs will notice little change as both instructors, Rueben Mayer at the MSU-Bottineau campus and Tom Hanson at the Minot High School, will continue in their present positions and locations.

The biggest changes for the programs will be that they will both be administrated through the MSU-Bottineau Campus and that the students in the Minot program will now earn two credits each semester. The students previously enrolled in the Bottineau program should not see any changes as they have been receiving college credit for approximately five years.

The two programs made the decision to merge for several reasons. The first of these was that the North Dakota Farm and Ranch Business Management Association is encouraging programs to become aligned with the community colleges located throughout the state as a means to bring about more consistency in the programs. The second reason was that high schools are concentrating on programming for students located within their school district boundaries. The third reason was that the Minot instructor had reached and gone beyond his retirement age at the Minot Public School but wanted to continue to serve his students. Because the colleges in North Dakota have a different retirement program than do the high schools this merger allowed him to retire from the Minot School system but continue to serve his students through MSU-Bottineau. The fourth reason was that this program fits in well with the mission of serving the Region's continuing education needs that MSU-Bottineau does so well.

Both instructors are looking forward to developing a closer relationship in which each person's skills and abilities will be utilized more fully and thus being able to serve their students better.

The Farm and Ranch Business Management Education Program is an instructional program that is designed to help increase the profitability of the family farm or ranch business; improve the family farm or ranch's record keeping system; increase the knowledge of farm and ranch financial management; help formulate family, personal and business goals; develop an understanding of the financial strengths and weaknesses of the farm or ranch business; improve the efficiency and organization of the family farm or ranch business; and develop the operator's and family's appreciation of the affects of current and long term decisions.

If you have any questions about the about the Farm and Ranch Business Management Education Program please contact either instructor. The telephone number at the MSU-Bottineau Campus is 701-228-5481 and the email address is Rueben.Mayer@misu.nodak.edu. The telephone number at the Minot office is 701-857-4439 and the email address is Tom.Hanson@sendit.nodak.edu. Or contact the State Supervisor for Agricultural Education, Steve Zimmerman, at (701) 328-3162 or szimmerm@nd.gov.

THANK YOU

My wife, Janet, and I would like to thank all of you for your cards, e-mails and prayers while I was hospitalized and my continued recovery at home. It was thankful that we happened to be in the Denver area when I was struck with the aneurysm. Swedish hospital is the leading neurological hospital in the area. They glued the area back together and got me back on my feet. Basically I was in a medical induced coma for 4 weeks. Recover has been slow. I was able to go back to school for a few days, but traveled back to Denver to have a shunt surgically placed in my head to help drain excess fluid. So I continue to heal at home. The school, staff, administration and students have been great. Our FFA members have taken things on by themselves, with phone calls from me. I hope to be back at work soon, and traveling to FFA activities. Once again many, many thanks.

Richard Sabol

NDAAE Awards—All-Service Conference



Dodge Turn the Key Winners
Virgil Dagman, James Valley CTC;
Warren Schlecht, Farm Credit Ser-
vices; June Hammer; Don Hagen, Glen



Teacher of Teacher
Ben Krebs & Trevor Steeke.



Teacher of Teacher
Tim Aichele & Michael Malard



Outstanding Service Citation
Warren Schlecht presenting award to
Anissa Wilhelm.



Outstanding Secondary Teacher
Glen Huettl & Warren Schlecht.



Outstanding Young Member
Warren Schlecht presenting award to
Amanda Buynak.



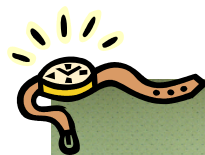
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Cameron Young with Ben Krebs
and Michael Malard.



**Director's Award of Excellence
Outstanding Ag Ed Program**
Tracey Hartwig, Lance VanBerkom,
Tom Hanson.



10 Year Recognition
Tracey Hartwig, Trevor Steeke, Scott
Thiel, Tony Boehm.



25-Year Recognition
Duane Schmidt, Rick Vannett, Kevin
Nelson, Dan Walsvik.



30-Year Recognition
Dan Stave, Al Graner, Steve
Metzger, Ted Johnson, Steve Zim-
merman, Kent Pelton

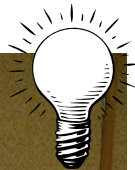
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Who's column as NDVATA Presi-
dent-elect in 1991 was entitled
"Central City Comments"?

NDAAE Awards—All-Service Conference



Horseshoe Champ
Jerry Wettlaufer



Blooper of the Year
Tim Aichele



Outstanding Cooperation
Beulah Chamber of Commerce



Golf Champions
Lance VanBerkom, Dan Stave, Neil Halley, Craig Zimprich



Adult Teacher of the Year
Don Hagen, Glen Ullin



Region III Games—Estherville, Iowa
Tim Aichele, Glen T. Huettl, Troy Enga, Myron Johs

National Farm and Ranch Business Management Education Association Update

by Jay M. Olson, National NFRBMEA President

Fall has always been my favorite time of year. The leaves are changing color, the nights are cool, the days are crisp, the geese are beginning to fly south for the winter, and harvest is coming to a close. This is also the time of year when farmers normally evaluate how the year has gone and begin to plan for next year.

In NFRBMEA terms, we are not much different. We can take this time to reflect on the many good things that have been accomplished and consider times to come.

This past year we held our first joint conference with the National Association of Farm Business Analysis Specialists, NAFBAS, in Omaha. This has not only been a very enjoyable but educational experience. We have met many new people and have been exposed to many new concepts and ideas. The cooperation of our two organizations has allowed us to access a new group of people in some new areas of the country. This cooperative effort has forced us to step out of our comfort zone at times, but has allowed us the opportunity to grow as individuals and as a national organization. I personally look forward to this continued relationship over the next few years.

NFRBMEA has been continuing to pursue a National Institute for instructor in-service education. With the assistance of Dr. Clark Hanson of South Dakota State University, a grant to facilitate this activity is being pursued. This activity should be of great benefit to our members and ultimately to the farmers enrolled in our programs.

Our web site is in the process of getting a new appearance. This updated web site will better allow us to communicate with our members including the new Resource Library.

Our Industry Relations Committee is in the process of compiling a group of contacts and sponsors to assist us with meeting the goals of our organization.

Just as our farmers are doing, we are also planning for years to come. Our fall board meeting was held September 28 and 29 in Rochester, Minnesota to review progress on the planning for the 2007 conference to be held in Rochester and the 2008 conference in Fresno, California. Groups from the Wisconsin NAFBAS and the North Central Association of Extension Economists were also in Rochester and held a joint planning meeting with NFRBMEA as well as the review of facilities and conference agenda.

The 2007 conference in Rochester will also be a new experience for our organization. We are collaborating not only with NAFBAS, but will also be holding this conference with the North Central Association of Extension Economists. This conference will be one of the largest gatherings of Farm Management professionals ever to be held in the United States. There should be activities at this conference of interest to everyone. As many as 50 break-out sessions are planned as well as some unique recreational activities will make this a fun as well as educational activity. Put the dates of June 11th to June 14th on your calendar.

The 2008 conference in Fresno, California will also be a new experience. Planning for this conference is well under way and will offer an exposure to some new types of agriculture as well as some enjoyable recreational activities.

These activities and ventures would not be possible without the dedicated efforts of a group of great people and the support of a great organization. I would like to again thank each and every one of these people for taking time out of their busy schedules to make these activities happen.



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In what years was Jeff Hagel named Secondary Teacher of the Year; Marv Knell Adult Teacher of the Year; and Glenn Weinmann Outstanding Young Member?